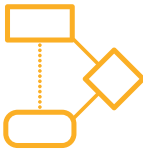# 7 Wastes
of Software Development

1 **Partially Done Work**

Any feature put on hold, wastes time already invested and makes the codebase less maintainable.

2 **Extra Processes**

Any step in your process that doesn't add value.
Such as documentation that isn't read or additional rubber stamping.

3 **Extra Features**

Low value features, those that are not used or only used infrequently.

4 **Task Switching**

Switching tasks reduces efficiency.
The fastest way to complete two things is to do one at a time.

5 **Waiting**

Time lost while waiting to start such as approval delays and dependencies.

6 **Motion**

Time lost moving artefacts or data from one location to another or hunting for information on wikis.

7 **Defects**

The cost of fixing defects and the impact of re-work on the bottom line.

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